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SUBJECT: Information on the Nuclear Security Summit

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1.(SBU) Post delivered reftel letter from the President to Prime Minister Dung under the cover of a diplomatic note and a letter from the Ambassador on February 10. The Charge delivered a copy of the letter to Foreign Ministry Director General for International Organizations Le Hoai Trung during their meeting February 12. Trung, who will accompany the Prime Minister to the Summit meeting, said Vietnam and the U.S. have cooperated well during the Sherpa meetings and Vietnam agrees with "almost all of the U.S. positions" in the communique and accompanying work plan.

12. (SBU) The Charge asked Trung about PM Dung's goals for the Summit. Trung said PM Dung hopes the leaders will discuss safe, secure ways to promote the peaceful use of civilian nuclear technology, in addition to the broader nonproliferation agenda. The Charge welcomed Trung's comments and encouraged the GVN to conclude the broad nuclear cooperation MOU so the U.S. and Vietnam can announce the initiation of negotiations toward a Section 123 Agreement during PM Dung's visit to Washington. Trung offered to work with relevant GVN agencies toward this goal but has been insistent that the (largely ineffective) MOST take the lead because of its technical expertise.  
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